Bursting of gas pipeline in Munirka, Delhi

213. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a gas pipeline burst in BC Street of DDA Flats, Munirka, New Delhi during December 2006, creating panic amongst the residents and no concerned office was available for hours to control speedy flow of leaking gas from pipes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has so far been conducted in this regard and if so, with what results, especially in Munirka; and

(d) whether any preventive guidelines have been issued by Government to Indraprastha Gas Private Limited, Delhi in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHAJ. PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, there was an incident of gas leakage which occurred on 22.12.2006 from the service line at House No. 22/Block-A, DDA Flats, Munirka, New Delhi.

The incident was reported by the concerned resident to IGL's CGO control room at 23:10 hours. IGL Emergency Handling Team reached the spot immediately. Leakage of gas was arrested and situation was brought to normalcy without any loss of time.

(c) Based on the report of the Emergency Handling Team, an investigation was conducted which revealed that the Gl Pipe (1/2" diameter) fitted on the side wall of the house for giving supply of gas was tampered/damaged by some unscrupulous persons, probably with the intention of theft. IGL proposes to put up warning signages at all such places to minimize such incidents.

(d) IGL follows international standards and norms practiced worldwide by similar industries for safety, which *inter-alia* includes:

(a) Round the clock monitoring by centralized and area wise Control Rooms for handling emergencies and routine customers service.

(b) Round the clock patrolling of gas distribution network for safety purposes.

(c) Installation of warning signs/markers in the vicinity of PNB pipeline network.

Based on the feedback, preventive measures are strengthened further from time to time with the cooperation of consumers.

India Energy Outlook Report on Coal Bed Methane

214. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a Report titled 'India Energy Outlook' published by global consulting firm KPMG stating 'with proven reserves of 765 Mtoe (Million tones of oils equivalent) and indicated reserves of between 1260-2340 Mtoe, Coal Bed Methane (CBM) as an opportunity could be larger than either oil or natural gas'; and

(b) if so, whether Government have studied this Report and devised relevant modalities to harness this source of energy, especially in view of India's requirement of 60 per cent fuel being imported, involving huge foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, but, Government has not studied the Report titled "India Energy Outlook". Government of India formulated Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Policy in the year 1997 to harness CBM. Government has awarded 26 CBM blocks under three rounds of CBM held so far. The total CBM resource in 26 awarded CBM blocks is 49.5 TCF (1400 Million Tones of Oil equivalent). Till date total 6.24 TCF (176 Mtoe) CBM reserve has been established in four CBM blocks. The commercial production of CBM is likely to start in the year 2007-08.

Adulteration of autofuel

†215. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to check misuse of kerosene oil and its adulteration with autofuel;

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